IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cr-00143 The Honorable Judge Ellis Trial: October 19, 2021

CONSENT MOTION TO SEAL AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF SAME

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E), defendant, Zackary Ellis Sanders, through counsel, moves for an order permitting the defense to file under seal portions of Mr. Sanders's Memorandum in support of this Motion to Supplement the Record and Renew his Motion to Compel Exculpatory Material or, in the Alternative, to Submit Exculpatory Material for *In Camera* Review ("Memorandum") and Exhibits in Support of the Same. A proposed order is attached for the consideration of the Court.¹ In support of this motion, the defense further submits as follows:

I. Item to be Filed Under Seal, and Necessity for Sealing

A. Mr. Sanders asks the Court to seal portions of the Memorandum and exhibits, which pertain to and refer to material that is under a protective order. *See* 1:20-MJ-114 ECT No. 28. The

¹ The document to be filed under seal will be filed with the Court non-electronically pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E) and the Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures (*see* p. 21). Pursuant to the Local Rules, the sealed document is to be treated as sealed pending the outcome of this motion.

defense has endeavored to seal only the minimum necessary portion of its Memorandum and the

Exhibits.

B. Filing the motion partially under seal is necessary because the Memorandum

contains discussion of material that is subject to a protective order. See 1:20-MJ-114 ECT No. 28.

C. Counsel for Mr. Sanders has considered procedures other than filing under seal and

none will suffice to protect disclosure of this information subject to a protective order.

II. Previous Court Decisions Which Concern Sealing Documents

The Court has the inherent power to seal materials submitted to it. See United States v.

Wuagneux, 683 F.2d 1343, 1351 (11th Cir. 1982); State of Arizona v. Maypenny, 672 F.2d 761,

765 (9th Cir. 1982); Times Mirror Company v. United States, 873 F.2d 1210 (9th Cir. 1989); see

also Shea v. Gabriel, 520 F.2d 879 (1st Cir. 1975); United States v. Hubbard, 650 F.2d 293 (D.C.

Cir. 1980); In re Braughton, 520 F.2d 765, 766 (9th Cir. 1975). "The trial court has supervisory

power over its own records and may, in its discretion, seal documents if the public's right of access

is outweighed by competing interests." In re Knight Pub. Co., 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984).

III. Period of Time to Have the Document Under Seal

The materials to be filed under seal should remain sealed until further order of this Court.

Accordingly, Mr. Sanders respectfully requests that this Court enter an order allowing the

defense to file under seal portions of Memorandum and Exhibits.

Dated: August 5, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 5, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing to counsel of record.

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